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Joint Base Charleston declares HURCON II

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. – Joint Base Charleston updated its hurricane alert status to Hurricane Condition II on Oct. 6, 2016 due to Hurricane Matthew's projected path.

Hurricane Condition II is declared when the forecast calls for the arrival of a tropical storm with 50-knot (58 mph) sustained winds or greater within 48 hours.

The current track for Hurricane Matthew will bring the storm close to Charleston, with largest effect, late Friday night through Saturday.

The Joint Base is closed until further notice.

Please reference the Limited Evacuation Order (LEO) at www.charleston.af.mil for specifics on Zones that must be evacuated or for questions on reimbursable expenses. All personnel living in these zones and on Joint Base Charleston, Air Base or Weapons Station must evacuate.

Direct remaining questions or any special needs to your chain of command, who are prepared to help. Please put special attention on ensuring the families of service members deployed or underway have the support they need.

Please follow the South Carolina Emergency Management Division map to Know Your Zone.

Once you have reached your evacuation safe haven location, please ensure you check in with your chain of command. The services are building events into our Service accountability systems (AFPAAS for the Air Force, NFAAS for the Navy). Once complete we will ask you to update your contact information there.

At this time only personnel specifically designated as Mission Essential by their Commanders should be in the area. Those personnel are completing mission essential tasks, such as launching aircraft and securing barges, and once those tasks are complete they will be released by their

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Commanders to evacuate.

Only personnel specifically assigned to approved Ride Out Teams will remain sheltered on the Joint Base during the storm.

After the storm, the JB Charleston commander will issue an order to recall only those personnel specifically assigned to Recovery Teams. Those teams will work to ensure our facilities, infrastructure, and homes are safe for the return of our entire team.

Once deemed safe, the JB Charleston commander will issue an order authorizing the return of all our service members, national security professionals, and families. After your return guidance will be provided on filing travel vouchers.

An "Authorization for Blanket Referral" is now in effect from October 5-12. All patients enrolled to both Air Force and Navy Military Treatment Facilities and network enrollees qualify for this. TRICARE prime members can seek urgent and specialty care without coordination from their PCM. For the nurse advice line, call 1-800-TRICARE. For special circumstances, please call, 1-800-444-5445 (TRICARE Region South). For pharmaceutical needs, call 1-877-363-1303 to locate a pharmacy near you.

JB Charleston personnel and their families should not evacuate to any Lowcountry shelters. Please read the evacuation order for specific instructions regarding evacuation parameters and financial reimbursement.

Once personnel are in a safe location, they are reminded to update their personal information through their respective service accountability systems:

Air Force: <https://afpaas.af.mil>

Navy: <https://navyfamily.navy.mil>.

Army: http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/ra_adpaas.htm

Refer to <http://www.scemd.org/component/content/article/11-home-page/news/155-know-your-zone> for a map of Charleston area evacuation zones and <http://www.scdot.org/getting/evacuation.aspx> for a map of evacuation routes.

Base personnel, their families and residents can call the 628th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Straight Talk line at (843) 963-5581 for up-to-date hurricane condition information. Official updates will be provided via www.facebook.com/pages/teamcharleston. Personnel should also continue to monitor local news for updates on the storm.

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Basic hurricane preparation tips: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Preparing your home: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Each respective service has a hotline where family members can obtain information on military members who have evacuated affected areas. The number for Air Force personnel is: 1-800-435-9941; Navy personnel 1-877-414-5358 or 1-866- 297-1971; for Army personnel: 1-800-833-6622.

For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/teamcharleston or www.charleston.af.mil.

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